

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2011

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: ABI LERNER, P.E. DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #2 - FUNDING UPDATE & ACTIONS OF MAJOR
TRANSPORTATION BODIES

ISSUE: Update of Funding and actions of major Transportation bodies.

RECOMMENDATION: No Action is required. Information only.

DISCUSSION: This memorandum provides a brief monthly update on funding and/or actions of major regional transportation bodies that relate to Alexandria.

General updates on funding-related issues of local, regional and national importance are provided below. Attachment 1 is the Commission's regular Monthly Update of Regional Transportation Board Major Actions and Funding.

City: City Council

The City Council adopted the recommendation of the Transportation Commission to adopt the staff recommendation for Corridor C, with emphasis placed on improving service to Northern Virginia Community College. City Council also adopted an allocation plan for CMAQ and RSTP funds on September 27, 2011, which was transmitted to the NVTA for their consideration.

State: Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

The Commonwealth Transportation Board set a series of fall 2011 meeting dates to hear testimony on the current six-year plan and six-year plan being developed for FY2013-FY2018. The northern Virginia meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2011 at VDOT's Northern Virginia office.

Regional: Transportation Planning Board (TPB) and Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) , Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC)

Transportation Planning Board (TPB)

The Transportation Planning Board received information about the Rail-Volution conference being held in Washington from October 16-19 and about a study that the DC Office of Planning has been conducting on housing affordability based on both rents and transportation costs. The Board was apprised of continuing efforts to reform WMATA Governance.

Washington Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

The WMATA Board approved a series of public hearings on proposals to change WMATA services in a cost-neutral fashion to make them more effective. Two services which are proposed to be added are mid-day services from Bradlee Center to Parkfairfax and an extension of Route 28X on Leesburg Pike to the Mark Center.

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)

The September, 2011 NVTC meeting was cancelled due to the tropical storm which came through the region on the night it was scheduled.

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)

An allocation plan for FY2013 – FY2018 CMAQ and RSTP funds was sent to the NVTA before the September 30, 2011 deadline.

Federal: Funding Updates and Grant Notices of Awards

The City was formally awarded New Start funds to design and build transit stations along the Crystal City-Potomac Yard Transitway.

Attachment 1: Monthly Update of Non-Federal Transportation Board Major Actions & Funding